

## **Maori-Crown and China-ethnic minority policies: an early exploration**

**Date:** Friday 26 August 2016  
**Time:** 3pm – 4pm  
**Location:** Room 208, Level 2, Te Ao Marama Building

**Presenter:** **Dr Martin Fisher**

### **Abstract:**

Maori-Crown relations are often explored in comparison with the state of indigenous-government affairs in other Anglo-settler states such as Canada, Australia and the United States. China's relations with ethnic minorities are often overlooked. An investigation of the similarities and differences reveals some important insights into the history and current political contexts of both Aotearoa and China. Dr Martin Fisher recently spent 5 weeks in China teaching post-graduate students about Ngai Tahu-Crown relations at Yunnan University in Kunming as part of a staff exchange between the NTRC and the Southwest Centre for the Study of Ethnic Minorities. He will discuss some of the wider context of Maori-Crown and China-ethnic minority policies as well as his teaching experiences in Kunming.

### **Biography:**

Martin was born in Budapest, Hungary and grew up in Toronto, Canada and Wellington, New Zealand. He has worked as an academic tutor for a range of courses in History, Political Studies and Management at the University of Otago, McGill University and VUW. He has a M.A. (History) from McGill University and a Ph.D (History) from VUW. Before commencing his academic career, Martin worked in the Treaty of Waitangi claims process as a contractor researcher and, later, as a public servant. From 2012-2014 Martin worked as a Research Analyst/Inquiry Facilitator at the Waitangi Tribunal.